

Francis W. Appleton

M. Deser Private

Col. Green's Regiment

1777 - 5 years

Evidence
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for

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NOBSCOT, ss.

ON the *18th* day of *May* A. D. 1818,
before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Third Eastern Circuit, of the Court of
Common Pleas, in said Commonwealth, including the Counties of Hancock, Washington
and Penobscot : Personally appeared *Francis W. Appleton*
who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath made the statement and
declaration by him subscribed, and hereto annexed, in order to obtain the provision made
by the late act of Congress, entitled " An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the
land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war."

And thereupon, I the said Judge do certify that I am satisfied the said *Francis*
did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in his said decla-
ration, against the common enemy, and that he has made it appear to me, that he is in re-
duced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Which proceedings and the testimony annexed, being all he has been able to produce,
I now transmit to the Secretary, for the department of War, pursuant to the directions of
the aforementioned act of Congress.

IN testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my name and caused the seal of said Court
to be hereto affixed
Judge of the Court as aforesaid.

M. Winsley Esquire,

I Francis W. Appleton of Maunth. Deser. in the County of
Hampsh. Groom. do hereby testify & say that, on or about
the month of September 1777. according to the best of my recollection
I enlisted into the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Parkers Company &
Col. Guermes Regt. & Genl. Warrens Brigade, (being then of the State
of Pennsylvania) for three years: I joined my Regt. at Philadel-
phia: I was at the battle at Brandywine: & the Battle of the
Clouds: at which place I was taken prisoner & carried
to Philadelphia: I made my escape from that place: and was
Requested to ship on board the United States Ship, the ^{Capt. John Hopkins} Warren,
being about eighteen months after my enlistment: I served
on board this ship four months, being her first cruise: I
then shipped on board again, for six months: We engaged
the British ship the Rainbow, in which action I was wounded
in the head: I served out this term & was discharged in
Boston: In the Autumn of 1782, I shipped on board the
South Carolina ^{Capt. J. J. Jones} Engle, for six months: We were captured by the
British ship Duchess, Diamond & others: was carried into
New York: where I ~~was~~ remained a Prisoner till the
end of the War. I have lost my discharge - I am now
under reduced circumstances, & need the assistance
of my Country for support. — Francis W. Appleton